

**IN THE CLAIMS (CLEAN VERSION OF ALL EXTANT CLAIMS):**

**What is claimed is:**

5           1.     A multi-mode hand covering for a person, comprising:  
an elongate tubular portion having an inner space, a hand insertion end into  
which a person's hand may be inserted and a forward terminal end;  
an opening in said terminal end through which said person's hand may be passed;  
a palm side of said tube corresponding to a palm of said inserted hand;  
10       a back side of said tube corresponding to a back side of said inserted hand;  
a thumb enclosure extending outwardly from the palm side and communicating with  
said inner space for enclosing said person's thumb; and  
a pocket extending generally from said terminal end to a pocket opening generally  
spanning said palm side proximate said thumb enclosure;  
15       wherein said pocket is operable between a palm position wherein said terminal end  
opening is open to the atmosphere for passage of said person's hand  
therethrough for exposure thereof, and a back position covering said  
terminal end opening whereby said hand is fully covered.

20       2.     A multi-mode hand covering in accordance with claim 1, wherein said hand  
covering is convertible from a hand exposure mode to a hand covered mode by inverting  
said pocket.

3. A multi-mode hand covering in accordance with claim 1, wherein said thumb enclosure is configured to projectingly hold said person's thumb without inverting said pocket to a hand covered mode, whereby said thumb enclosure limits general exposure to said person's fingertips while covering upper hand portions and upper finger portions.

4. A multi-mode hand covering in accordance with claim 1, wherein said thumb enclosure is foldable within said pocket when not in use.

5. A multi-mode hand covering in accordance with claim 1, further comprising a thumb hole through said hand covering at an intermediate location whereby said person's thumb is exposable independently of said fingers.

6. A multi-mode hand covering in accordance with claim 1, wherein said hand insertion end comprises a wrist opening of one of a glove and mitten.

7. A multi-mode hand covering in accordance with claim 6, wherein said wrist opening has folded panel ends and further comprising a cinch cord generally contained within said folded panel ends.

8. A multi-mode hand covering in accordance with claim 1, wherein said palm side and back side are configured to form finger portions for separately enclosing each said finger.

9. A multi-mode hand covering in accordance with claim 1, wherein said palm side and back side are configured to form at least one finger portion for enclosing at least two fingers.

5 10. A multi-mode hand covering in accordance with claim 1, wherein said hand covering comprises panels of a shell type material enclosing panels of insulative fleece type material.

10 11. A multi-mode hand covering in accordance with claim 10, wherein said shell type material comprises a GORTEX® fabric.

12. A multi-mode hand covering in accordance with claim 1, wherein said hand insertion end comprises an arm of an upper body garment.

15 13. A multi-mode hand covering in accordance with claim 1, wherein said hand insertion end comprises a garment arm which is selectively detachable and attachable to an upper body garment.